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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA: TRUMBO COMPLETION OF HELMHOLTZ  
TREATMENT (SENATOR MCCLELLAN INTEREST)

REF: MOSCOW 0225

1. PRIOR TO HER APRIL 23 DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW, MRS. JACKIE L. TRUMBO

PROVIDED SCIENCE OFFICE WITH ASSESSMENT OF HER TREATMENT AT HELMHOLTZ  
INSTITUTE. SHE INDICATED THAT HER CONDITION HAD IMPROVED AND THAT SHE

WAS DELIGHTED WITH TREATMENT RESULTS. THE FIELD OF VISION IN HER LEFT

EYE HAD BEEN ENHANCED BY HELMHOLTZ TREATMENT; VISUAL ACUITY IN BOTH  
EYES HAD ALSO IMPROVED, THUS INCREASING HER READING CAPABILITY. ON  
DEBIT SIDE, TREATMENT BROUGHT NO IMPROVEMENT IN HER RIGHT EYE'S FIELD  
OF VISION. DESPITE HER PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH THESE  
RESULTS, MRS. TRUMBO'S VISION REMAINS SO POOR THAT SHE CONTINUES TO  
BE LEGALLY BLIND.

2. MRS. TRUMBO ADVISED THAT HER TREATMENT CONSISTED SOLELY OF DAILY  
INJECTIONS OF 300 MILLIGRAMS OF NUCLEIC-ACID. SOVIET SPECIALISTS,  
HOWEVER, HAVE PRESCRIBED ADDITIONAL DAILY MEDICATION, IN TABLET FORM,  
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FOR POST-TREATMENT USE.

3. PROFESSOR L.A. KATSNEL'SON, WHO SUPERVISED MRS. TRUMBO'S  
TREATMENT, ADVISED HER TO HAVE AN EYE EXAMINATION IN THE NEXT  
3-4 MONTHS AND ENCOURAGED HER TO SEEK FOLLOW-ON TREATMENT AT  
THE INSTITUTE IF SHE FELT THAT WAS NECESSARY. KATSNEL'SON,  
HOWEVER, GAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT MRS. TRUMBO WOULD AGAIN BE

ACCEPTED. FYI. THE COMPLETE TREATMENT CYCLE APPARENTLY CONSISTS OF 4 SEPARATE SESSIONS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH MRS. TRUMBO JUST COMPLETED, AT INTERVALS OF 6-10 MONTHS. SOVIET SPECIALISTS ASSERT THAT THEY CAN STABILIZE THE PATIENT'S CONDITION, I.E., ARREST COMPLETELY THE PROGRESS OF THE DISEASE, IF (A) THEY CATCH THE DISEASE EARLY ENOUGH AND (B) THE PATIENT COMPLETES THE FULL TREATMENT. HELMHOLTZ DOCTORS PROMISE NO CURE, HOWEVER. END FYI.

4. MRS. TRUMBO PROVIDED SCIENCE OFFICE WITH A COPY AFTER FINAL EXAMINATION AT HELMHOLTZ. SCIENCE OFFICE WILL POUCH, UNDER REGISTRY 3583859, INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DR. ROBERT FISCHER, DHEW/OIH.

5. ACTION REQUESTED FOR EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES. PLEASE PASS DATA CONCERNING RESULTS OF TRUMBO TREATMENT TO SENATOR MCCLELLAN'S OFFICE.  
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